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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT QUIET CONCERNING OFFENSIVE  
CARTOONS

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Classified By: Political Officer Maureen B. Latour for  
reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Mawazo Paul Kaducha, head of UN Systems at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Multilateral Division, on February 27. In response to violent reactions elsewhere to offensive cartoons, Kaducha said the Government of Tanzania (GOT) does not condone violence to solve even inflammatory problems. Kaducha said that the GOT cherishes freedom of the press as well as freedom of expression and lawful assembly. In Kaducha's view, the people of Tanzania do not have extreme tendencies and were not inclined to a violent reaction. He stated that the GOT did not plan to make a statement regarding either the cartoons or reactions to them elsewhere.

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